# .. Gossip For Home People..

A number of personal commendations,

writen and oral, have reached the editor of the Eagle for his approbation on the 25th ult. of the experience, patriotism and wisdom of President McKinley, Nothing appearing editorially in the Eagle touching the pending issues of the hour, not excepting the one demanding the interception of the Spanish torpedo flotilla, or its appeal for the famishing victims of Spanish cruelty in Cuba, which were respectively unanimously quoted by other papers and personally endorsed, has met the hearty responsive endorsement of the one ding the president's course, alluded to. The secretary to the president, John Addison Porter, Esq., from the executive mansion, under date of March 29th. says: "Writing in the president's behalf I beg leave to state that he has read your recent editorial with great pleasure and is much gratified by the generous expres-

KANSAS TREE'S PECULIARITY. Many Wichita people have been putting out trees the last week. If they know

their buisness they put the big roots to the south. All trees grow so in this part c. Kansas. It is Nature's way of reinforcing a tree against the south winds, which predominate.

MORE NICKNAMES.

Three more Wichita nicknames have come to light and are so prominient that they should not have been forgotten. Union Pacific Shull"-The nickname of

W. P. Shull, once principal of the public schools. It was a play on the initials of two weeks' notice of a permanent lay off, his name, given him by his scholars. He is now in Alaska. "Barbecues Campbell"-The name given

B. H. Campbell. It is said the brand of his cattle was originally "-B. Q." "Cottonw od Davis"-The famous statistical writer's name is C. Wood Day's This was too great a temptation for early Wich to so it promptly made the C stand

GERMANS ARE WAR-LIKE.

Wichita people are the Germans. German citizen, once a soldier in the Germany infantry, actually brought down bis rifle the other day and bad a gunsmith oil it up. The German society the Militare Verein is drilling every Sunday.

LARIMER ON A BATTLESHRIP. Wichita's representative in the coming

war will be young Mr. Larimer, who has been studying in the naval academy at Annapolis. He has been transferred to a

WICHITA COMPANIES' COAL MINES. haustion of our state's coal mines, or commence yet awhile to worry over a famine, which they take out of one hole ninetyfive tons a day on an ordinary run. Ausingle holes which seem to be a great maw of nature which has almost limitless

IT REVIVES WAR TALK.

The late war talk has revived Rebellion or some burning tale of the wild days with

THE POET DIED.

G. Foster Moore, who was here last a theatrical company, told of an interesting and remarkable occurrence at Balti- farmer as much off the stage as on it. more, which occurred while he was there. Ben King, who was for years known to the theatrical profession as dramatic crit-Tennyson's poems: If I should die tonight.

and say.

Weeping and heartsick o'er my lifeless I say if I should die tonight,

And you should come in deepest grief and woe

And say-Here's that ten I owe, and say, "What's That?" If I should die tenight,

and kneet.

I say-If I should die tonight and you ed to go up town and trade. Still an Just hint 'bout paying me that ten,

is that King was found dead in bed at his the bad not traveled so much that sh

room the morning afteir the banquet. A STREET CAR LINE'S GRAVE.

Out on Wabash avenue between First and Third streets at various points may be seen cropping out above the dirt in the ber in charge and loaded her on to the middle of the street symmetrical layers train.

of round, white stones. They are just get ting visible this spring, after years of burial. Strangers wanter if they mark fast vestiges of what was once a profitable street car line. The line started at the through the northeast afreets, up Wahash to Third and thence our toward the Hill It was discontinued shortly after the beem, so far as the company was concerned. For a long time after that an enterprising boy and a spavined gray mule made occasional trips, the boy havout of it. He would back his one car up at Main and First where the Fourth National bank then stood, and walt for passengers. When he accumulated enough to make a trip pay the wear and tear on took on metropolitan airs and commenced

and Market, the franchise given up, and now all that remains of a once paying scheme are those occasional stretches of bleak stones, a sepulchral reminder of what has been. The wash of the rains and the snows, and the constant wear of the travel of the quiet neighborhood of of course will vote for him. Wabash avenue are slowly bringing again their quiet rest of years beneath the soil of the street.

CHILDREN AND SPECTACLES. Any one visiting the public schools Wichita, if he be observing, is impressed with the number of children of late years who wear glasses. The children in all grades of school, from the primary to the high school, are included in this growing list. Little tots in the first and second grades, and on up through all the intermediate classes may be noticed with spectacles on. Prof. Dyer explains this chiefly from the well known fact that in recent years parents and teachers alike pay more attention to the care and treatment of the eyes than ever before. Formerly the rule was only crossed eyes, near sightedness, or some other constitutional ocular infirmty was ever given any attention, while now carefully ground and fitted lens are applied to eyes to correct the evil results of close application and over strain.

The Sharpley band and orchestra which has become so popular here will probably never again be heard in Wichita. The band and the management of the show

SHARPLEY BAND MUTINY.

had a split-up while here, and received and last night at Hutchinson the last performulace was given. Hereafter the Sharpley company will appear without the musical feature of the show, after having een together for nine years. Victor Kre-Mr. Fleishner, the band master, are both really good musicians and will both go disband that organization. The reason for for Cotton, although that is not his name discord was on account of professional curtesy shown to local musicians here. The management of the company here of-It is said that the most military of fered the services of his orchestra gratis o a local society for a social event. The offer was accepted, but it seems that an reheatra of local musicians had already been engaged for the affair. When the Sharpley orchestra heard of this, they refused to play. They were ordered to play. A mutiny resulted and consequently

> UNCLE THOUGHT IT ROTTEN. J. C. Lewis, who has become known

broughout the country by his "Si Plunkard" show and as originator of the hayseed band and parade, is an interesting character off, as well as on, the stage. No one in Kansas need fear the ex- Mr. Lewis has been out with his Si Plunkard show for nearly ten years. In that time he has covered the entire country at least so far as supply is concerned. and two years ago for the first time in One of the local companies has a mine vailed some of the larger eastern cities. in the eastern part of the state from In Washington and Philadelphia he became a great attraction, owing to the novelty of the thing. At Washington the other has a seventy-five ton per day shaft Post gave him a banquet. The play was and several more Wichita companies have written for Mr. Lewis and the character of Si Piunkard was modeled and named after his uncle Si, who is a New England capacity to disgorge coal when crowded farmer. This uncle had never seen the show until two years ago, when he played at a little town in Michigan near where his uncle now lives. The show did not seem to interest him much until the act reminiscences among the old soldiers of where the threshing machine appears on the city who congregate at various G. A. he stage. His face betrayed some curiosity at this. After the performance the Whenever a group of the veterans is gath- family drove to the country home of Unered, you will always hear, "Yes, that re- cie Si, in an old farm wagon, Mr. Lewis minds me of Seven Oaks, Appointatiox," having been invited to spend the night when patriotic fervor was as high as it is ling about the show whatever, Lewis ventoday, when a re-united country stands fured to ask him what he thought of it. pastor of the First Presbyterian church. happened to express an idea that came ready to gallantly face a common enemy. His uncle whipped up the horses, "Git up. git up," and expectorating his tobacco quid, "What the devil was you trying to do anyway?" was his only answer. This week transacting business at the Craw- floored Lewis. Mr. Lewis is quaint in his ford Grand as advance representative of ways, talks with the nasal twang of the character he impersonates and acts the

STATION AGENT'S TROUBLES. The usually calm and serene railroad ic for various Chicago papers, was ticket agent is occasionally called upon a good writer and was known throughout to rub up against irritating conditions the east. He was something of a poet, and which a thoughtless public inflict upon him. A few days ago, a haughty and imgiven by the Editorial association at Bai- perious woman stalked up to the Rock timore, and in response to a toast gave Island ticket window, and in a patronizing the following clever paraphrase of one of demeaner, coally demanded from the astonished day agent that he get her a calper's ticket. He explained to her that And you should come to my cold corpse the company was not in the ticket brokerage business, and that they had none for sale. Then she retorted that if that was the case, she would like to have him go up town or send up for her and procure for her a cut rate scalper's ticket. She i still wondering why railroad officials are not more obliging and accommodating. I might arise in my large white cravat Another sister plied into the inside of the little office back of the ticket seller's window, and without any unnecessary cere-And you should come to my cold corpse many proceeded to dump a squalling baby onto the dapper but now dumfounded Clasping my bier to show the grief you punch manipulator, and demanded that he look after it for a little while as she wantount come to me and there and then other, this time a man, shoved a los parcels through the window and asked I might rise the while, but I'd drop dead that they be expressed to some point east, supposing it to be an express office as well The startling and sad sequel to the story as railroad loading place. One old lady was stained with it any, asked the agen just twelve times what time the train lefand eleven of them she wanted to know t the agent was real sure he was right about it. The last time a policeman took

HE CARRIES A GUN. burial. Strangers wonder if they mark Down on South Hydraulic there is a the ruins of a primeval village, or of man who was so scared by burglars the what they are the relies. They are the early part of the week that he won't come Maine was blown up." up town after 7 o'clock now without bringing his riffe. He can be seen a corner of First and Main and gig-ragged | night with his gun on his shoulder. He is a graduate of a medical college.

> WICHITA CROWD PATRIOTIC n the large crowd that steed in front of the signal. He can count, knows color the Eagle office Friday morning, as they and understands language and seems to sang with great vigor, "Yes, we'll raily have all the human facilities except the ad the flag boys, we'll rally 'round power of speech.

CANDIDATE WHO DIDN'T THINK. There is one candidate this spring who ing's dancing school the pressest two-step certainly ought to be elected next Tues- played was the "Novelty." composed by a the discouraged mule, he would prod him day if rare tact and diplomacy will help former Wichita girl. Miss Emma Minch up and start east. When the last passen- nin away. He is a young man and this ger got off, the power for the car was perhaps explains his wise instinct. A few perhaps explains his wise instinct. A few Miss Minch has already a prominent positransferred to the other end, and the at- days ago he called at a home in his are- tion in musical circles in that musical fair started back to town. When the city | cinct where he is well acquainted, to do some electionsering. He rounded up the to pave the streets, this primitive line of male members, and then cooly ignoring the two lovely and interesting daughters

was attended to, she asked him why he did not go after Miss E- the elder daughter in like manner. With a surprised and studied and confused look, he replied: "Why, I did not suppose she was yet old enough to vote." She is old enough and

VERY SMART CAT.

Naturalists, philosophers and students of zoology have always considered it still an open question if the reasoning power in animals is at all developed. An instance of what would appear to be this power as differing from mere instinct, recently came to the attention of a member of the High School faculty. The family has a pet cat that has been in the household a long time. Like all other members of the feline species, she is very attentive to her ablutions. One day recently she was watched Bob helped organize. while she carefully licked herself until every hair of her glossy coat lay in its proper place. One spot under her chops, however, seemed to worry her, as she could not get at it as she desired. After a moment's apparent study over the situataion she arose from the rug upon which she was lying, and went out in the kitchthought necessary. Then she stretched out her full length and rubbed the spot under her chin she could not reach any This operation she repeated several times until she satisfied herself she was immaculately clean.

ITS MANY CHANGES.

On the old market building, now used as a laundry and by the Western Lithographing company, appears in raises letters on the First street side the date "187%." In the semicircle are the capital letters "G. H.," supposed to have meant ing, German Hall. This was in an early here also many Kansas orators and celesupport of some hobby or political fetich. hall, and General Blair also made its Over the arched windows in very dim lettering appear the old signs of the busisign that is perhaps the most interesting now is that over the front windows, now harely decipherable: "Ladies' V. aiting Room, Wichita and Suburban Railway." This was George Strong's and Lee Taylor's famous dummy steam line running to Fairmount, Burton car works, Union stock yards and Valley Center. It was the first line to be converted into an electric

THOUSAND MILES MORE. By the first of January next year Wichta will have a thousand miles more of being constructed are pushed to comple-

AN EDUCATIONAL HONOR. In the room where the board of educaframe which contains a blue ribbon with words are very interesting to trace out printed letters in gold. All kinds of un- Just where to draw the line in the matter readable signatures appear on it. This of slang is very troublesome. Some words scholars for proficiency in drawing and other handiwork at the World's Fair in

LAID FOR THAT ROOSTER.

or early '88, Rev. J. D. Hewitt was the He must have been a fancier of game cocks, as the following story told by O. C. Daisy will demonstrate: Mr. Hewitt at one time had a neighbor

by the name of Kirk who was a very religious man, but not a brother in Rev. Hewitt's congregation. Kirk had a rooster which was known about the neighborhood as a fighter. Rev. Hewitt also had one. On one bright sun shiney morning Hewitt's rooster got into Kirk's hen yard and killed off all the chickens there. This made Kirk mad and he went to Mr. Daisy and purchased a game cock, paying \$25 for him. Mr. Kirk turned this expert fighter into his hen yard and prepared to wait for Hewitt's rooster. It was not long until the Hewitt fighter flew over the fence to survey his domain, won by rado, "Pike out" Pennsylvania, "Hyper hard fighting. It so happened that on this particular morning Mr. Kirk was sitting means get off in a hurry, and suggest on his back porch. The fight began. Hewlit's rooster, encouraged no doubt by idea-skeedaddle, vamoose. Kansas being initiative. The Rev. Hewitt knew, how no one will ever be able to explain, that garion of the verb could begin something life or death. He opened his back door about two inches to watch the results. Kirk sat still, thinking that he had a sure thing with the \$55 rooster. The fight became fast and furious. The two roosters changed their position, and, in order that the Rev. Hewitt might see, he had to Mr. Kirk saw him, as did also the Rev. Hewitt Mr. Kirk. Rev. Hewitt's rooster jumped up and run one of his spurs clear through the other's head. At that moment can lick any rooster in the state for \$50.00

KNEW HIS SUBJECT. Two men atood in front of the postoffice building last Wednesday discussing the

Cuban situation like this: You gamp, the Maine was blown up at "It wasn't."

"It was. How did the Spanlards get to it if it wasn't over there? "It was blown up at Havana." "Havana nothing. I know where the

VOCAL ORGANS WEAK. Santa Fe Yard Master Bennett has a dog that apparently has the power of reason, and he counts without error. If Mr. There seemed to be no lack of patriotism | cannot be made to get up or move until

> ANOTHER WICHITA AUTHOR. Last Wednesday evening at Miss Down Though not yet eighteen years of age. city, Evansion, Ind., her present home.

OLDEST REGISTERED VOTER W. M. Green, living at 1060 North Many The tracks were torn up to make room of the family, turned to the mother and street, bears the honorable distinction of call them when near, when distant, to Capital Europe

spring's election. He climbed up the three flights of stairs to the city clerk's office one day last week, and registered his name and age as 32 years. His voting precinct is the second of the Fourth ward He bears his accumulated yours with ease and dignity, and none of the office force would have guessed the patriarch's age

ORIGINAL KNIGHT OF LABOR. Robert E. Lee Gunning, for the past ten years a resident of this tity, was one of the original three who organized and in still gred the first Knight of Labor lodge or assembly as it is called, in Cincinnati They met secretly in out of the way places up stairs and anywhere. There are now thousands of Knights in that city and all come from this first parent body which

MET AT DANCING SCHOOL. During the boom days the bon ton of he city all attended Charlie Beal's dancing school, either as students or for the pleasure of the social entertainments. During this period Mr. and Mrs. Beal carefully kept complete records and registers of all parties and social gatherings spot on the spotlessly clean floor and in the city. These now make interesting licked It until it was as damp as size reading. A short time ago Charlie looked over these books covering a period of several years and counted twenty-one couples who first met each other at his school, other way, on the wet spot on the floor. and formed such attachments as later resuited in their marriage. Some of these are now old settled families, many have noved away, and not a few are dead, and ome even married the second time.

SOME WORDS WE USE.

edged authority on the subject of "Ameriat the time of the erection of the build- canism" and "Localism," having a year or two ago out-ranked the professor of day the only theater and public hall in languages in the state university on this cial attention paid to Kansas:

Governor St. John campaigned in this sidering whether their usage is local or and while there witnessed the beautiful peculiar, and are disposed to be resentful and startling sight of a sailing meter rafters ring with his stentorian voice. if any one else says it is. It is only when through the soft, balmy air of an orienta nessformerly carried on upon the first floor they incline to be simply amused at what lodging, and the next day, in company while it was the city market place. The they consider the mistakes of others.

> ravine called a "draw." tained a large number of schools.

at Louisville, Ky. In Colorado they "rustle," in Texas "rus- der in Michigan at the time, and person tle up" and in Kansas try to "scare up"

A really new word is not a common occurrence in language. Unless a word is the most unmitigated slang it is pretty sure to be found in some dictionary, the tion are wont to meet once every month. Century is especially favorable to Amer-is the ribbon which was given to the are so near the border line, and slang is J. G. DORSEY, M. D.,

Did you ever think about the word "Mugwump?" It is of Indian origin and current only twenty years ago in limited parts of New England; it was used huto mean an important man, a forward in the presidential campaign of 1884 and its use sprang from local to na-

has ample evidence that a person who has really spoken and thought in the dialect of a region can tell whether certain usages are current there better than any oursider. A person's use of the word "pall" places him north or east, while if he is from the south or west he says

Michigan says "Hurry un" Ohlo says "Hurry on!" Indiana says "Hurry back!" and all mean the same thing.

"Hit the grit" is from North Carolina, "Hit the road" is from our western states. a Specialty. . . . . . . . . . 'Hike' is Delaware, "Hike out" is Colvarious slang expressions for the sam metropolitan understands that they all mean "Get a move on you." The conju in this style:

Thou startest-You lay tracks.

He departs-They absquatulate. Newcomers have always been struck with the difference between our English and the language they had learned from grammars and other books. Our language s full of Americanism.

"Go-devil" looks terrible, but it is only an improvised sied, having two saplings for runners, used for collecting hay in the field. It first started in Otio, but the instrument coming into general use the word has also.

ome sharp point, a right angled rent fo lowing the weaving is often made. Ther no good English word for this prot lefinite idea. There is a good Durch war which in the form of "winklehowk" blabeen current for generations about New York. From New England "trappatel and "barnfoor" express the same bin These words may now seem situage you, but you may be using them yours before you pack your "turkey" (sumbar-man's bundle) and "fit" from Pennsylvanta, or "tets" your "plunder" from Wir

Look at the different words for an or side open structure on the side of a bours Gallery, porch, veranda, piteza, loggia What does the very expressive word

'tacky" mean?

"Look out" means put your tend out of the window. "Look out!" means pull if th again.

I will send the message by telegraph." tells a fact; but, "I will send the message; by telegraph?" is more graph Let me ask you a few questions. How will you answer these?

At what time of day do you begin to say good evening." Do you say "good night at parting or on meeting? Do you use the word "connipiish" seriusly or sportively? Do you say "pu'pa.

papa', pap or on?" The you key "frying ian, fry pan, skillet ir spider?

quiet down, stop, stop suddenly, back up, go to right, to left?

What call do you use to a cow to come when near, when distant, to go on, to stand still, to stand over? tant, to lie down, to go away, to attack a man, a rat, a cat, to go and hunt, to search

In calling a person do you usually prefix "O?" Do you often say, "Yes, indeed?" "Will you hang your called in my eans?" (May I see you safely home?)

for dead bird, not to hunt the fence, to

ome behind?

THE STOCK YARDS DOG. Another animal pet and valuable mem er of the stock yards force is the shepherd dog "Bob," belonging to the com pany. He is one of the regular employe and there is none among them all more faithful or prompt. He lies down out of the way of every one when not engaged in driving up some etubborn sow or fright for as soon as he sees the big gates start to swing open he is promptly on his feet that announces the approach of a herd of swine or cattle. He takes his place behind them making less noise and progress than the other drivers. He never fails to round up all the scattering and male that but for him would tumble pel mell over each other and confuse the whole herd. When an unruly steer get balky. Bob stealthlly crawls up and deftly bites his heels or flank, and as adroitly h back ten feet to avoid the vicious kick that he knows will follow his tantalizing nipping. Through all the mazy labyrintly of pens, alleys, intersections and gates, Miss Leichardt, principal of the McCor- he safely conducts a herd, often alone and mick school, has for several years been unassisted, and never misses the right per collecting illustrations of English "as she or the scales. He is first told to which is spoke" and has become an acknowl- point to drive them and then he goes un-

RING FROM A METEOR. There is a man in this city who has at Within its halls were held all particular subject. Here is a paper by iron finger ring made from metal taken of the early amateur performances, and Miss Leichardt on the subject, with spe- from an acrolic which fell some year Most people use words as they have al- Masonic scholar and traveler Robert Morways heard them used, without even con- ris spent some years in the Holy Land they meet people from other localities that night. The brilliant heavenly visitor they notice differences of usage, and then struck the earth a few miles from his Nowhere but in western Kansas is a tists, went to the spot where it had im bedded itself in the soil. With considera-I once heard a lady from Texas say ble difficulty it was dug out and chunks 'We are folksy at home," meaning that taken for analysis, and the rest distrib they were of some importance at home. utek among the party as mementoes of the same lady spoke of their town, as being "a schooly town." The town con- all he could carry away of the rock and had the fron ore removed and treated

In Chicago a candidate will "win out | Out of this ore he had several band finger again" if he gets the Irish vote-be re- rings made for presents and souvenir to his American Masonic friends. "Slick" ice, for slippery ice, first started Wichita man was one of the favored few he being a prominent member of the or ally acquainted with the poer-explorer, Mr Morris.

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